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TAGS: AORG, OCON, UNESCO

SUBJECT: UNESCO 97TH EXBD: VOTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
ITEM 4.1.1

1. UNDER ITEM 4.1.1 OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA WHICH WILL
BE DISCUSSED INITIALLY IN PROGRAMME COMMISSION MAY 9
OR 12 WITH THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION
PRESENTED TO THE BOARD ON MAY 21, WE PROPOSE TO
FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING PATTERN DESCRIBED BELOW. THE
RELEVANT DOCUMENT REFERENCES ARE TO DOCUMENT
DISTRIBUTED FOR THIS ITEM ON APRIL 8, 1975.

2. REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF EDUCATION IN
AFRICA: (A) IF RESOLUTION IN PARA 13, PAGE 5 - 6 OF
ANNEX I PUT TO VOTE IN ITS ENTIRETY, WE RECOMMEND AB-
STENTION BASED ON OP PARA 3 (III) IN VIEW OF OUR AB-
STENTION ON THE AMENDMENT TO UNESCO REGULATIONS REGARD-
ING AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

(B) IF SUB-PARAS UNDER OP PARA 3 ARE VOTED ON SEPARATE-
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LY, WE RECOMMEND VOTE FOR ALL SUB-PARAS EXCEPT SUB-PARA

III, AND THE, HAVING REGISTERED OUR ABSTENTION ON
3 III, VOTE FOR ENTIRE RESOLUTION, WHICH INVOLVES INVITATION TO IMPORTANT US PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS. IF DEPT. APPROVES THIS COURSE, WE COULD SEEK SEPARATE VOTE, IN ORDER TO REGISTER OUR POSITION ON ALM'S AND THEN FAVOR RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. DEPT. SHOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, FACT THAT APPROVAL OF 3(I) WOULD INVOLVE ENDORSEMENT OF INVITATION OF (COUNCIL OF) NAMIBIA AS ASSOCIATE MEMBER. (18TH UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE ACCEPTED ASSOCIATE MEMBER STATUS FOR NAMIBIA BY ACCLAMATION IN RESPONSE TO UNGA RES 3111 OF 28TH GA).

3. CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT.

(A) IF RESOLUTION IN PARA 10, P. 6 OF ANNEX II IS VOTED ON IN ITS ENTIRETY, WE RECOMMEND ABSTENTION BASED ON OP PARA 2 III AND 2 IV IN WHICH ALMS AND PLO ARE INVITED UNDER UMBRELLA FORMULA.

(B) IF SUB-PARAS OF OP PARA 2 ARE VOTED ON SEPARATELY, WE WOULD VOTE FOR I, II, AND V AND ABSTAIN ON III AND IV AND THEN VOTE FOR RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE SINCE IT INVOLVES CONFERENCE WHICH WE PRESUMABLY WOULD ATTEND. WE COULD SEEK SEPARATE PARA VOTES, IF DEPT. APPROVES THIS COURSE OF ACTION, IN ORDER REGISTER OUR ABSTENTION ON PLO AND ALMS AND THEN VOTE FOR RESOLUTION WHOSE INVITATIONS TO PLO AND ALMS ARE IN UMBRELLA CONTEXT.

4. COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS TO PREPARE A CONVENTION ON RECOGNITION OF STUDIES AND DEGREES IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN EUROPEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES BORDERING ON THE MEDITERRANEAN.

(A) IF RESOLUTION IN PARA 11 OF PAGE 4 OF ANNEX III PUT TO VOTE IN ITS ENTIRETY, WE RECOMMEND VOTING AGAINST IT BASED ON PARA 2 I SINCE RELEVANT PARA 5, PAGE 2 OF ANNEX III, CITES RESOLUTION 46.1 OF 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE WHICH WE OPPOSED FOR ITS REFUSAL OF ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN GROUP AND SINCE SUB-CONFIDENTIAL

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SEQUENT LISTING OF STATES RECOMMENDED FOR INVITATION DOES NOT INCLUDE ISRAEL.

(B) IF SUB-PARAS OF OP PARA 2 OF RESOLUTION ARE VOTED UPON SEPARATELY, WE WOULD OPPOSE I, ABSTAIN ON III, AND FAVOR II AND IV AND SUBSEQUENTLY OPPOSE RESOLUTION AS WHOLE. WE COULD SEEK SEPARATE VOTE, IF NECESSARY, IN ORDER TO SHOW DISTINCTION IN OUR VOTES ON

SUB-PARAS I AND III BUT WOULD BE INCLINED NOT DO SO
SINCE SEPARATE PARA VOTING IN THIS CASE WOULD NOT ALTER
OUR FINAL VOTE .

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5. CONFERENCE OF STATES FOR ADOPTION OF CONVENTION ON
RECOGNITION OF STUDIES IN DEGREES IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN
EUROPEAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES BORDERING ON MEDITERRANEAN:
WE RECOMMEND IDENTICAL VOTING PATTERN TO THAT OUTLINED
IN PARA 4 ABOVE.

6. WE RECOMMEND EXPLANATION OF VOTE AT END OF ITEM
4.1.1 ALONG LINES OF FOLLOWING TEXT:

I WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY BRIEFLY, IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY
MISUNDERSTANDING, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE US VOTES ON
THE FOUR RESOLUTIONS THE COMMISSION HAS JUST VOTED ON
APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS THE DIRECTOR GENERAL HAS
MADE FOR INVITATIONS TO FORTHCOMING INTERGOVERNMENTAL
MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES.

THE US ABSTAINED ON THE FIRST TWO RESOLUTIONS IN VIEW
OF THE POSITION WE TOOK ON RESOLUTIONS AT THE 18TH
GENERAL CONFERENCE AMENDING THE REGULATIONS OF THE
ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR OBSERVERS FROM THE PALESTINE
LIBERATION ORGANIZATION AND THE AFRICAN LIBERATION
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MOVEMENT IN UNESCO CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS. THROUGHOUT
THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, IT HAS BEEN OUR POSITION THAT
WE DO NOT ADVOCATE THE PARTICIPATION OF ENTITIES OTHER
THAN STATES OR INTERGOVERNMENTAL REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN THE WORK OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES.

IN THE CASE OF THE THIRD AND FOURTH RESOLUTIONS, WE
WOULD HAVE ALSO ABSTAINED HAD NOT THE RECOMMENDED LIST
OF INVITEES BEEN SET FORWARD IN A CONTEXT WHICH INCLUDED
REFERENCE TO RESOLUTION 46.1 OF THE 18TH GENERAL CON-
FERENCE. THE REJECTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THIS RESOLU-
TION WHICH WOULD HAVE COMPLETED THE PROCESS OF AFFILIA-
TION OF MEMBER STATES WITH REGIONAL GROUPS HAS LED TO
SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IN THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE US
GOVERNMENT TO UNESCO. REGRETFULLY, THE LIST OF INVITEES
PROPOSED FOR THE MEETING OF EXPERTS TO PREPARE A CON-
VENTION ON RECOGNITION OF STUDIES OF STATES BORDERING ON
THE MEDITERRANEAN DID NOT INCLUDE ALL MEDITERRANEAN
MEMBER STATES. IT THEREBY ILLUSTRATES THE ANOMOLOUS
SITUATION NOW EXISTING IN UNESCO IN WHICH STATES IN GEO-
GRAPHIC PROXIMITY TO EACH OTHER DO NOT ALL PARTICIPATE
IN A VERY WORTHWHILE JOINT ENDEAVOR IN THE FIELD OF
EDUCATION IN PART AT LEAST BECAUSE OF THE APPLICATION
OF THE REQUIREMENT OF MEMBERSHIP IN A PARTICULAR REG-
IONAL GROUP. WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT PARTICIPATION OF
THOSE NOT SPECIFICALLY INVITED IS THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE
THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF RULE 21 OF THE RULES OF PRO-
CEDURE SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO ATTEND AS OBSERVERS. NEV-
ERTHELESS, THE INCOMPLETE REPRESENTATION OF MEDITERRANEAN
LITTORAL STATES STANDS AS AN UNHAPPY SYMBOL OF THE EX-
TENSION TO THIS ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL LINES OF RUP-
TURE WHICH I BELIEVE ALL MEMBER STATES REPRESENTED HERE
WISH TO SEE HEALED. CERTAINLY MY GOVERNMENT HAS DE-
VOTED--AND WILL CONTINUE TO DEVOTE STRENUOUS EFFORTS
TO THIS END.

THE US VOTES ARE NOT INTENDED AS A COMMENTARY ON THE AC-
TION OF THE DG WHO HAS ACTED IN ALL CASES IN ACCORDANCE
WITH RESOLUTIONS OF THE GEN. CONF. IT IS INTENDED RA-
THER TO BE A COMMENTARY ON PRACTICES WITH REGARD TO

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CERTAIN REGIONAL MEETINGS
WHICH UNFORTUNATELY ARE UNDERLINED BY THE LAST TWO
RESOLUTIONS ON WHICH WE HAVE JUST VOTED AND THE CON-
TEXT IN WHICH THEY WERE PLACED. OUR VOTES AND THIS
EXPLANATION SHOULD ALSO BE REGARDED AS AN IN-
VITATION TO CONSIDER THIS PROBLEM CAREFULLY AS ONE
WHICH AFFECTS THE PURPOSES OF UNESCO. HERE I
WOULD STRESS IN PARTICULAR OUR CONSTITUTIONAL
COMMITMENT TO "DEVELOP AND INCREASE THE MEANS OF
COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PEOPLES AND TO EMPLOY THESE
MEANS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING," A TASK
ESSENTIAL TO THE "INTELLECTUAL AND MORAL SOLIDARITY"
WHICH IS MEANT TO BE UNESCO'S SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO
PEACE. I WOULD LIKE AT THIS TIME TO COMMEND THE DG
FOR HIS EFFECTIVE EFFORTS TO FOCUS THE WORK OF THE
ORGANIZATION IN GENERAL, AND AT THIS BOARD
MEETING IN PARTICULAR, ON THESE PURPOSES, AND TO URGE

THAT WE TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO SUPPORT HIM IN
ACHIEVING THEM.
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